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**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 1333

(Delegate Conway)

Commerce and Government Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Municipal Corporations - Proposed Annexation Resolutions - Notice**

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This bill decreases from four weeks to two weeks the time period that a weekly notice of a proposed annexation resolution for 50 acres of land or less must be published in a newspaper of general circulation preceding a public hearing.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Municipal government expenditures would decrease due to avoided costs associated with publishing notices of proposed annexation resolutions. Any decrease is expected to be minimal.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** After introduction of an annexation resolution into the legislative body of a municipality, the mayor or other chief executive officer of a municipal corporation must give weekly notice of the proposed annexation by publication in a newspaper of general circulation for not less than four weeks preceding a public hearing on the proposed annexation. The public notices must specify a time and place at which the legislative body will hold a public hearing on the annexation resolution and the public hearing must be within 15 days of the last weekly notice.

**Background:** The cost of advertising notices of proposed annexation resolutions in newspapers of general circulation varies across the State. Generally, the costs of publishing a notice depend on the newspaper's fees and the length of the notice. For instance, in Worcester County it costs approximately \$675 per week to place public notices in newspapers in general circulation in the county.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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